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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WANG ET AL.

Examiner

Jamal A. Fox

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 26 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 14-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States:

2. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brown et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,748,618).

Referring to claim 13, Brown et al. discloses a scalable-port (Fig. 1 ref. sign 10 and “one or more sources” col. 3 lines 60-65), non-blocking (block, col. 7 lines 46-56), shared-memory (Figures 1 and 2A ref. sign 150 and respective portions of the spec.) output-buffered (Figures 1 and 2A ref. sign 540 and respective portions of the spec.) variable-length (variable, col. 7 lines 25-30) queued (FIFO, Fig. 1 ref. signs 400-1 to 400-N and respective portions of the spec.) data switch.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,748,618).

Referring to claim 25, Brown et al. discloses a scalable-port (Fig. 1 ref. sign 10 and "one or more sources" col. 3 lines 60-65), non-blocking (block, col. 7 lines 46-56), shared memory (Figures 1 and 2A ref. sign 150 and respective portions of the spec.) output-buffered (Figures 1 and 2A ref. sign 540 and respective portions of the spec.) variable-length (variable, col. 7 lines 25-30) queued (FIFO, Fig. 1 ref. signs 400-1 to 400-N and respective portions of the spec.) data switch, but fails to explicitly teach of supporting 64 OC-192 or 16 OC-768 ports. However, support for several gigabits per second speeds are disclosed (gigabit per second, col. 1 lines 66-68, col. 2 lines 1-13). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included supporting 64 OC-192 or 16 OC-768 ports because OC-192 is a fiber optic connection that handles 10 Gbps speeds and gigabits per second speeds are disclosed (see above).

Specification

5. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

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6. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is not within the range of 50 to 150 words in length. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-12 and 26 are allowed.
8. Claims 14-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

9. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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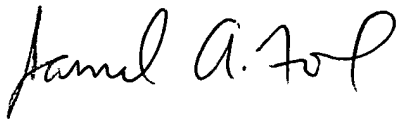
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamal A. Fox whose telephone number is (571) 272-3143. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3134. The fax phone

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numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9315 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.



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